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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/076,956
Filing Date	05/13/98
First Named Inventor	BARANOVA
Group Art Unit	1623
Examiner Name	Eric Crane, Ph.D.
Attorney Docket Number	8.US2.DIV

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-5117
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) **11/08/2002 AWONDAF1 00000039 09076956**
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) **01 FC:1801** **740.00 OP**
- iii. ☒ Other Any deficiency in fees
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1,140.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SERIAL NO.: 09/076,956 ) EXAMINER: L. CRANE  
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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF ) CONF. NO.: 5479  
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SUPPORT AND COMPOUNDS WHICH )  
ARE USEFUL IN PARTICULAR AS )  
SOLID SUPPORTS IN SAID PROCESS )

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In regard to the referenced application and the Office Action of January 2, 2002,  
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS ✓

Please cancel claims 104-107 without prejudice as to the subject matter contained  
therein. Please add the following claims:

~~110. (New) A compound selected from the group consisting of:~~

37 CFR 1.8

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